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In re Patent Application of) PATENT APPLICATION
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Serial No.: 09/003,098) Group No.: 3739
Filed: January 6, 1998) Examiner: Shay, D.
For: METHOD FOR TIGHTENING LOOSE)
SKIN BY CONTROLLED CONTRACTION)
OF COLLAGEN TISSUE BENEATH THE)
SKIN SURFACE)

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Dear Sir:

This Communication is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed March 26, 2001. Attached for the Examiner's convenience and reference is a copy of the pending claims. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in the order which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 8-12 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph for indefiniteness. Specifically, the Examiner rejects these claims on the grounds that it is unclear what further manipulation is intended to be implied by reciting the type of energy delivery device or the type of electrolytic media which is being employed. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph.